

# Montana State Legislature

**2015 SESSION**

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**BUSINESS REPORT**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Friday, February 13, 2015

**Place:** Capitol

**Time:** 3:00 PM

**Room:** 172

**BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:**

None

**EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:**

HB 340 - be tabled

HB 352 - be tabled

HJ 13 - do pass as amended

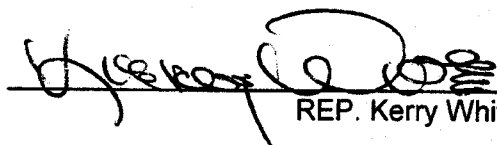
SB 49 - be concurred

SB 82 - be concurred

SB 88 - be concurred

SJ 5 - be tabled

**Comments:**

  
REP. Kerry White, Chair



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## MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### NAT. RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#### ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/EXCUSED
REP. ED LIESER, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓	
REP. JERRY BENNETT	✓	
REP. BOB BROWN	✓	
REP. ZACH BROWN	✓	
REP. VIRGINIA COURT	✓	
REP. MARY ANN DUNWELL	✓	
REP. STEVE FITZPATRICK, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓	
REP. KELLY FLYNN	✓	
REP. THERESA MANZELLA	✓	
REP. NATE MCCONNELL	✓	
REP. DALE MORTENSEN	✓	
REP. MARK NOLAND	✓	
REP. ANDREA OLSEN		✓
REP. KEITH REGIER	✓	
REP. RAY SHAW	✓	
REP. SCOTT STAFFANSON	✓	
REP. KATHLEEN WILLIAMS	✓	
REP. KERRY WHITE, CHAIR	✓	

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## BILL TABLED NOTICE

### HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE TABLED


**HB 340 - Require federal government to comply with air quality laws in Montana - Rep. Tom Burnett**

**HB 352 - Prohibit outfitting on state lands inaccessible to public - Rep. Tom Jacobson**

**SJ 5 - Study future water rights administration - Sen. Chas Vincent**

by motion, on **Friday, February 13, 2015** (PLEASE USE THIS ACTION DATE IN LAWS BILL STATUS).

  
(For the Committee)

  
(For the Chief Clerk of the House)  
11 Am, 2/16/15  
(Time) (Date)

February 16, 2015 (10:35am)

Sherri Row, Secretary

Phone: 444-4877



## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 13, 2015

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Natural Resources** recommend that **House Joint Resolution 13** (first reading copy -- white) do pass as amended.

Signed: 

*Representative Kerry White, Chair*

**And, that such amendments read:**

1. Page 2, line 3.

**Strike:** "15-year"

**Insert:** "35-year"

2. Page 2, line 6.

**Following:** "road"

**Insert:** ", including all gated roads"

- END -

**Committee Vote:**

**Yes 12, No 6**

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

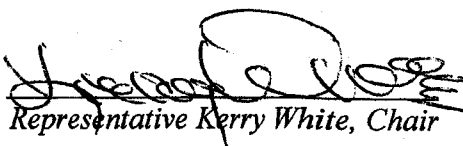
February 13, 2015

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Natural Resources** recommend that **Senate Bill 49** (third reading copy - blue) be concurred in.

Signed:

  
Representative Kerry White, Chair

To be carried by Representative Steve Fitzpatrick

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 17, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Natural Resources** recommend that **Senate Bill 82** (third reading copy - blue) be concurred in.

Signed:   
Representative Kerry White, Chair

To be carried by Representative Zach Brown

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 17, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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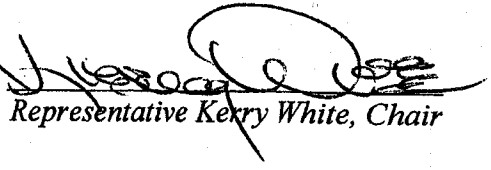


## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Natural Resources** recommend that **Senate Bill 88** (third reading copy - blue) be concurred in.

Signed: 

*Representative Kerry White, Chair*

To be carried by Representative Ed Lieser

- END -

**Committee Vote:**

**Yes 17, No 0**

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NAT. RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### ROLL CALL VOTE

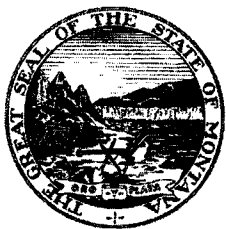
BILL NUMBER #J13

DATE 2/13/2015

MOTION Do Pass As Amended

NAME	AYE	NO	PROXY
REP. ED LIESER, VICE CHAIRMAN		✓	
REP. JERRY BENNETT	✓		
REP. BOB BROWN	✓		
REP. ZACH BROWN		✓	
REP. VIRGINIA COURT		✓	✓
REP. MARY ANN DUNWELL		✓	
REP. STEVE FITZPATRICK, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓		
REP. KELLY FLYNN	✓		
REP. THERESA MANZELLA	✓		
REP. NATE MCCONNELL	✓		
REP. DALE MORTENSEN	✓		
REP. MARK NOLAND	✓		
REP. ANDREA OLSEN		✓	✓
REP. KEITH REGIER	✓		
REP. RAY SHAW	✓		
REP. SCOTT STAFFANSON	✓		
REP. KATHLEEN WILLIAMS		✓	
REP. KERRY WHITE, CHAIR	✓		

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## NAT. RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### ROLL CALL VOTE

BILL NUMBER HJ 13

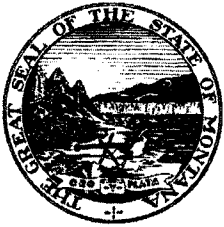
DATE 2/13/2015

MOTION Be Amended

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NAME	AYE	NO	PROXY
REP. ED LIESER, VICE CHAIRMAN		✓	
REP. JERRY BENNETT	✓		
REP. BOB BROWN	✓		
REP. ZACH BROWN		✓	
REP. VIRGINIA COURT		✓	✓
REP. MARY ANN DUNWELL		✓	
REP. STEVE FITZPATRICK, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓		
REP. KELLY FLYNN	✓		
REP. THERESA MANZELLA	✓		
REP. NATE MCCONNELL		✓	
REP. DALE MORTENSEN	✓		
REP. MARK NOLAND	✓		
REP. ANDREA OLSEN		✓	✓
REP. KEITH REGIER	✓		
REP. RAY SHAW	✓		
REP. SCOTT STAFFANSON	✓		
REP. KATHLEEN WILLIAMS	✓		
REP. KERRY WHITE, CHAIR	✓		

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# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NAT. RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### ROLL CALL VOTE

BILL NUMBER HJ 13

DATE 2/13/2015

MOTION Be Amended

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NAME	AYE	NO	PROXY
REP. ED LIESER, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓		
REP. JERRY BENNETT		✓	
REP. BOB BROWN		✓	
REP. ZACH BROWN	✓		
REP. VIRGINIA COURT	✓		✓
REP. MARY ANN DUNWELL	✓		
REP. STEVE FITZPATRICK, VICE CHAIRMAN		✓	
REP. KELLY FLYNN		✓	
REP. THERESA MANZELLA		✓	
REP. NATE MCCONNELL	✓		
REP. DALE MORTENSEN		✓	
REP. MARK NOLAND		✓	
REP. ANDREA OLSEN	✓		✓
REP. KEITH REGIER		✓	
REP. RAY SHAW		✓	
REP. SCOTT STAFFANSON		✓	
REP. KATHLEEN WILLIAMS	✓		
REP. KERRY WHITE, CHAIR		✓	

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# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## NAT. RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### ROLL CALL VOTE

BILL NUMBER HB 352

DATE 2/13/2015

MOTION \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	AYE	NO	PROXY
REP. ED LIESER, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓		
REP. JERRY BENNETT		✓	
REP. BOB BROWN		✓	
REP. ZACH BROWN		✓	
REP. VIRGINIA COURT	✓		
REP. MARY ANN DUNWELL	✓		
REP. STEVE FITZPATRICK, VICE CHAIRMAN		✓	
REP. KELLY FLYNN		✓	
REP. THERESA MANZELLA		✓	
REP. NATE MCCONNELL	✓		
REP. DALE MORTENSEN		✓	
REP. MARK NOLAND		✓	
REP. ANDREA OLSEN	✓		✓
REP. KEITH REGIER		✓	
REP. RAY SHAW		✓	
REP. SCOTT STAFFANSON		✓	
REP. KATHLEEN WILLIAMS	✓		
REP. KERRY WHITE, CHAIR		✓	

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## MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PROXY

I request to be excused from the House Natural Williams  
Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Ed Lieser

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT	AYE	NO	BILL/AMENDMENT	AYE	NO
Amendment HJ001302	X				
Amendment HJ001301		X			
HJ 13		X			
HB 352 HB035201	X				
HB 352	X				
HB 340 Table		X			
Table 1					

Rep.

(Signature)

*Andrew J. Lieser*

Date

2-13-15



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BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE

NO

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE

NO

Amendment HJ001302	X	
Amendment HJ001301		X
HJ 13		X
HB 352 HB035201	X	


Rep.

Virginia Covert  
(Signature)

Date

2-13-15

# ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS



## Montana Wood Products Association

Transfer of federal lands to states

Policy Statement - February 13, 2015

### Background

The governor of Montana has important responsibilities concerning the land, air, forest, wildlife, and water resources, as well as energy and mineral development within our borders. Unfortunately, over time, the strength of the federal-state partnership regarding resource management has diminished.

In the West, timber harvest on federal lands has decreased 80 percent over the past 20 years. Timber harvest in Montana has decreased from 1.6bbf in 1986 to roughly 540mmbf in 2013. The decline in harvest has directly led to the closure of 28 mills and the loss of 3,252 primary jobs within Montana's forest products industry.

The erosion of this partnership and management of federal lands within our borders has led to a growing sense of frustration by communities, neighbors and businesses that rely on federal lands for their well being. This frustration has led to the conversation regarding states taking over the ownership and control of federal properties within respective state borders.

### Policy Statement

It is the position of the MWPA Board of Directors, that even though we are intimately aware and are directly affected by the decline in resource management within our borders, we do not – at this time – support the movement to transfer federal lands to the state of Montana for either ownership or management responsibilities. With the exception of the Good Neighbor Authority permanently authorized in the 2013 Farm Bill; which allows for cooperative management of National Forest System lands by states, counties and municipalities with certain defined restrictions.

It is unclear what "transfer of federal lands" to states means. Our concern is with any proposal to transfer federal property or "timberland" to state ownership or management could act as a distraction to national efforts and not provide the timely progress needed. Such an action would not only catapult the timber industry back into the "timber wars" of past decades, but it also does not address or resolve the root of the problems we are currently facing with litigation and over-regulatory policies. Regardless of who holds the deeds to the land, we must first address, change, and fix the hurdles to active management.

Congress is working hard to find solutions to federal timber management. Uncertainty surrounding the state's rights issue and any continued discussion or investigation into such an action only serves to distort, distract and derail the important work with regards to the implementation of the forestry provisions in the 2013 Farm Bill and other federal forest reform efforts currently underway.

Board of Directors